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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT : IDEALIST Program

1. The attached memorandum outlines several combinations for the employment of U-2 aircraft in the IDEALIST Program. I agree that Combination "D", utilizing nine J-75 configured U-2 aircraft, would provide CIA with the capability necessary to discharge its operational responsibilities. It is recommended that as the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office, you approve of this Program and authorize the actions requested in paragraph six below.

2. Under Combination "D", the Agency would station two aircraft at our permanent detachment [] the Edwards detachment would be equipped with four aircraft providing us with a dual staging capability; and the three remaining aircraft, stationed at Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, would permit a substitute aircraft to replace other aircraft in rotational maintenance (IRAN), another aircraft for system testing and a third as a back-up operational asset.

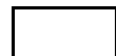
3. In addition to the funds presently available in the NRO IDEALIST budget, [] will be required [] to support the nine-plane program. A specific break out of the funds is as follows:

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4. Of particular urgency is the notification to Pratt and Whitney concerning the procurement of the J-75 engines. As noted in the attached memorandum, Pratt and Whitney has assured delivery of two J-75 engines by August 1963 and two more by September provided they are given a go-ahead before 1 March. As has been the practice in the U-2 Program, we will look to the Air Force to provide the engines and the supporting airlift for the overall program.

5. We are presently considering several approaches to our camera procurement, and we are confident that we can satisfy our requirement for less cost than stated herein. We do not have sufficient information at this time but prefer to proceed with the program as outlined and make the desired changes once the feasibility of the various alternatives has been explored.

* Includes modification of two J-57 aircraft to J-75 configuration, tech rep and T & M contracts.

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6. It is requested that you approve

- a. the transfer of two U-2 aircraft from the Air Force to CIA,
- b. the procurement of four J-75 engines for IDEALIST, and

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Signed Herbert Scoville, Jr.

HERBERT SCOVILLE, JR.
Deputy Director
(Research)

Attachment as stated

Request in paragraph six APPROVED:

Director, National Reconnaissance Office

Signature recommended:

(signed) James E. Rufford

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